



TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB0563

Health Facilities - Confidentiality of Medical Records - Crisis Pregnancy Clinics

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TO: Chair Senator Pamela Beidle, Vice Chair Senator Antonio Hayes and members of the Senate Finance Committee

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Dear Chair Senator Beidle, Vice Chair Senator Hayes and all members of the Senate Finance Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important bill.

As a retired registered nurse, I am very aware and in support of the confidentiality and the protection of patient records. Information, especially in regards to something as personal as pregnancy issues of any type is important to restrict for the protection of the woman.

The Episcopal Church states: Support legislation and non-legislative efforts that call for an end to discrimination against women's access to healthcare, and support the right of women to self-determination in regard to their personal choices about the health care that they choose to receive, especially for contraception, pregnancy, and childbirth.

All medical facilities need to follow the same rules in order for women to get the care that they need without fear of any information disclosed without consent.

**The Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network (MEPPN) requests a
FAVORABLE report**

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